

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 921
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.02.2023

JUTE AND NATURAL FIBER CLUSTER

921. SHRI DULAL CHANDRA GOSWAMI:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES वस्त्र मंत्री
be pleased to state :

- (a) whether there is any plan to develop the country's only jute and natural fiber cluster located at Purnia in the State of Bihar as a model cluster;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is considering to recognize the said cluster as National Artisan Training Centre; and
- (d) if so, the time by which the final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

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ANSWER
वस्त्र राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती दर्शना जरदोश)
THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES
(SMT. DARSHANA JARDOSH)

(a) to (d): No such proposal to develop jute and natural fibre cluster at Purnia, Bihar has been received in the Ministry of Textiles.

The Ministry of Textiles supports farmers and industries through implementation of schemes related to jute, procurement of raw jute under MSP and issuing of production control-cum-supply order for manufacturing of jute sacking bags. National Jute Board Scheme 'Jute ICARE' supports farmers in increasing the production and quality of raw jute resulting in increase in their incomes. The scheme 'Jute Integrated Development and Jute Resource-cum-Production Centre' supports artisans through imparting training for self-sustenance in production of Jute Diversified Products. Jute Corporation of India through its departmental procurement centers including 7 such centres in Purnia district carries out procurement of raw jute under MSP Operation to avoid distress sale by farmers. Further, supply order for production of jute sacking bags to jute mills in Bihar is continuously given by Jute Commissioner Office to support the industry.
